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The Burr House
Haddon Township, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: Camden County Park Commission

Date of Erection: Middle eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Hopkins family

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick;
Flemish bond front (frame
additions of later date)

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers
recently added

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house was built was in the possession of Ebenezer Hopkins in the early eighteenth century. He died intestate and the property descended to his son John Estlin Hopkins who conveyed 368 acres to his brother Ebenezer, the younger, in 1762.

In 1781 Ebenezer Hopkins made a will in which he authorized his executors to sell all his land. This was sold by his executors to Ann Hopkins for the price of

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1250 pounds in 1793. Ann Hopkins married Harnaduke Burr. She had no direct heirs and commissioners were appointed to settle her estate. The commissioners sold her property in 1834 to William B. Hacker.

There is nothing of historical interest connected with this house. There are a dozen transfers recorded from the early eighteenth century down to 1936 when the Camden County Park Commission became the owner. By this time the tract contained one and one-tenth acres, having dwindled from its original acres 568.

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Search of Old Gloucester County records at
Woodbury and Camden County records by
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A further search at Trenton reveals that Ebenezer Hopkins obtained the property on June 24, 1747 from Elizabeth Estaugh. It also seems that Ebenezer Hopkins was the probable builder; an indenture made on February 3, 1762 between John Estaugh Hopkins and his brother Ebenezer, sons of the elder Ebenezer, mentions premises. By will dated June 12, 1781 Ebenezer Hopkins left the property to his wife Ann Hopkins. It appears from the Old Gloucester County search that Ann Hopkins bought in the property.

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